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The Editor



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According to latest estimates there are nearly 340,000,000,000 (and growing daily) Gay and Lesbian people in the world. In Hong Kong there are estimated to be 300,000 gays and lesbians

Clearly with such large numbers of people with the same sexual preference around, you don't have to be alone unless you choose so to be.

Gay and Lesbian people are everywhere, in every job and profession, in every walk of life and of every age.

When you are feeling lonely, and that happens to all of us from time to time, don't despair. Go out and find someone like you to share your time, thoughts, problems and life with. Perhaps our, where to, go Gay Guide can help you.

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Contacts Magazine seeks to reflect the needs of the local gay community in as many ways as possible.

Starting in the April issue we will be printing articles, news and views in Chinese as well as English.

If you would like to contribute please phone us on 517-2814 (Fax: 547-0898).

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Politically correct

ME, A GAY ASIAN?

asks Xu Jinguor

The other day someone asked what it means to be a gay Asian. I couldn't really answer his question because I could hardly tell what it means for me to be a gay Asian. Let me explain.

In the old, old days of *Madame Butterfly*, a period of innocent racial politics, there was simple test to see if a person were a gay Asian. He would try and answer the following questions: a) Do you have a smooth body? b) Do you think you have a small cock? c) Are you loyal and studious? d) Do you adore white guys? These were the basic qualities "rice queens" looked for in gay Asians. The person would get extra points if he had petite build and spoke English with an accent.

"Rice queen" you ask? You see, gay Asia and their admirers liked to refer to ethnic sexual preferences by identifying the food. Hence, if you were white and you like Asians exclusively, you were a "rice queen" if you were Asian and liked white guys exclusively, you were a "potato queen".

Nowadays, such stereotypes are no long appropriate or acceptable. There are now Asians of all colours, sizes and shapes indeed, there always were. There are no longer just rice queens and potato queen there is now "sticky rice" - Asians who like only Asians.

You can't tell the quality of the meal by its description on the menu any more. If you can follow the logic of this, you can really have feast.

Such variety means gay Asians can no long be pigeon-holed. But we still have to answer

the question of who are we are. When I try think of the role models we can identify with, the only gay Asians I can think of are closet singers and actors from Hong Kong. Their lifestyles, however, are hardly admirable. Then there is Mishima, who committed seppuku in the most public fashion. But I am not sure that melodrama or self-destruction sets a good example.

In this enlightened age of politic correctness we have to be more analytic and precise. Let's try to examine what it means to be a gay Asian in two parts - Asian-ness and gayness.

Firstly, looking at Asian-ness, an ethnic Chinese from Hong Kong - who considers himself white. He hangs out with white people mostly. He dresses like them, talks like them, thinks like them and believes he is one of them. Then I know this white guy who hangs out with Asians all the time and even though he is not accepted as Asian, he identifies himself with them.

The question I put to you is: "Am I Asia because others identify me as such, or is it because I think of myself as Asian?" I am no sure if being Asian depends on place of birth skin colour or cultural identity. You can see why I am confused. Where I hang out, skin colour is the most important qualification to be considered Asian. It doesn't matter where you were born or what your cultural identity is. This

strikes me as racist. My politically correct friends, however, tell me it's simply an avenue of empowerment.

Looking at Gayness, I suppose in order to be gay I have to admit to being a practising homosexual. I wonder, when I am going through a dry spell and have not been practising for some time, if I am then only a "latent homosexual"? To be gay you need to do more than just engage in homosexual acts. You need to be part of a gay community, share the gay consciousness, or at least identify your homosexual activities as a "lifestyle".

But then a lifestyle is such a vague concept to start with anyway. It could mean staying home partying with friends or cruising tea-rooms ["Public Toilets" - Editor]. To develop a gay consciousness you need to participate in some gay community activities, such as going to Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, reading gay literature, browsing in gay book shops, singing with Gay Men's Chorus, or at least donating to a gay cause.

The problem with generalising is that you are bound to be wrong. So why am I engaging in this exercise of stereotyping? As gay Asians we need to find a collective consciousness to bind us together. This will empower us to act as a group to fight the oppressions of the predominantly white culture. This kind of reasoning sounds impressive even to me. But no, I don't belong to Queer Nation; nor do I wish to.

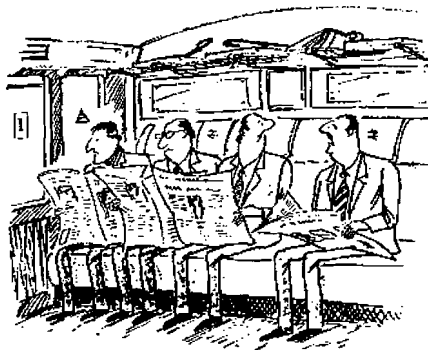
Having done all this soul-searching, I have come up with an idea for a new test to see if a person is a gay Asian. Try answering the following questions: a) Do you identify your homosexual activities as a lifestyle? b) Do you have an appropriate tint to your skin colour or cultural activity? c) Have you ever been to a

karaoke party, or seen Asian men in drag? d) Are you a member of a gay Asian organisation?

If you answered "yes" to all four questions, then you are indeed a full-fledged Gaysian, short for gay Asian. If you scored three out of four, you are a closeted Gaysian - all you need to do is come out. If you scored two out of four, you are a latent Gaysian and must practice more. If you scored one out of four, you are an honorary Gaysian - also be sure to volunteer to sing at the next karaoke party. And if you scored less than one, i.e. zero, there is still hope if you work hard at it.

Now that I have resolved my identity as a gay Asian, I can get back to a Michael Jackson make-over and wait for someone to come along and ask me what it means to be black!

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"Fifteen years we've commuted together on this train; fifteen years all we've ever said to each other has been 'Good Morning' - I'd just like you to know, I love you."

News

Hong Kong New HIV Testing Centre

As from March 16, the Aids Foundation will begin offering confidential HIV testing. The simple blood tests will only be carried out by qualified medical staff.

The strictest confidentiality is assured by the Aids Foundation. People wishing to have the test will only be seen on an appointment basis on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, this will allow adequate time for those wishing to be tested to discuss their reasons and to receive counselling from the professional staff.

Results of the test (about 10 days) will not be given out over the phone as an important part of the test is counselling whether or not one is found to be HIV positive.

Appointments may be made by calling 513 0513.

China 40 Million of Us

For years Chinese officials denied the existence of homosexuality and gave anyone (up to 40 million of us by some estimates) even suspected of being gay prison sentences. Apart from causing untold misery and suffering this also drove gay people underground. Now the threat of AIDS has made them change their minds and they are now desperately trying to lure gays out of the closet.

Whilst being gay is not a crime in China many men are still being arrested and sent to work or 'correctional' camps on trumped-up charges just for being gay. Sadly many gay men are

beaten up because they are not regarded as 'normal'.

Many complain of police harassment and the fact that without gay bars and clubs, gays are forced to cruise public parks and toilets for partners, under constant threat of arrest.

China gets Gay club

The first Gay men's club, "Men's World" opened in Beijing last month. It's a very low key affair with about 12 men meeting in a small room in a research Centre

UK London

The London Lesbian & Gay centre closed recently due to huge financial debts totalling £100,000 (HK\$ 1,200,000)

USA Washington

Over a million gay & lesbians are due to take part in the National March on Washington, on April 25.

USA Pittsburg

The International Friendship Weekend will take place September 3-6 in Pittsburg. Details from Contacts Magazine ref:IFW

Australia Sydney

One of the worlds biggest Gay & Lesbian events took place in Sidney last month with over 500,000 people taking part, and no hint of trouble or major problems.

Australia

The Australian Lesbian Festival & Conference takes place in October for details write to Contacts Magazine Ref:ALF

USA Washington

Lesbian gets top housing post

Ms Roberta Achtenberg has been appointed to a key post, in federal housing, as assistant secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This is the highest position any openly gay official has reached in the history of the executive branch and is seen as another way of President Clinton fulfilling one of his campaign policies to avoid discrimination against gay people.

Ms Achtenberg, 42, said she "was deeply honoured by President Clinton's appointment"

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Feedback

I liked the first issue very much and eagerly await the next.

BT. Central

It's a bit thin (the magazine) I'd like to see some love stories and maybe some articles in Chinese.

TO. Kwun Tong

A nice little magazine, lots to read and the personal adverts were very interesting!

BS. Western

Liked the Magazine a lot but why aren't there more things for Lesbians?

J.L. Wanchai

Contacts is great, just what Hong Kong has needed, may you prosper and live long.

LD. Causway Bay

Dear Editor, I felt that I had to write and thank you for Contacts Magazine. On a recent visit to HK I asked a barman in Propaganda what other gay places there were in HK, he gave me a copy of your magazine which made my short stay in HK most enjoyable. Since I will be a regular visitor to HK please find enclose my subscription. Once again thank you.

DF London UK

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Reviews

Dong Xing Xi Jiu

starring

**Leslie Cheung, Lum Ching Ha and
Cheung Man Yuk.**

This is a film that is based around a so called comedy. It is mildly amusing in parts with a puerile sense of humour.

Sadly towards the end of the film it degenerates into laughing at what it clearly believes to be the norm for Lesbian & Gay people. The usual stereotypical Gay is portrayed to be limp wristed and a cross dresser.

The film uses language that most of us find utterly repugnant and went out of fashion years ago in other cultures.

Far too many film makers in Hong Kong seem to think it's OK to make fun of us. Isn't it time they learned that we are not figures of fun, we are simply people that have feeling like others and these are being offended by this type of film.

Those of you who haven't seen it yet are urged not too. There are plenty of other films that deal with being gay in a positive rather than a negative vein. I only went to write this review. I came out feeling that I would really like to be able to tell the director and stars that they upset a lot of us by their less than funny comedy

Danny Wong

Amazing Grace

Although there are 156 films in this years International Film Festival, (April 8-23) there are only a few Gay & Lesbian Films, Amazing Grace is one.

Dir: Amos Gutman.

Israel 1992, Colour, 98 min

**Cast: Rivka Michaeli, Sharon
Alexander, Gal Hoyberger**

Yonatan, a sensitive 17-year-old consumed by dreams of erotic fulfilment, moons after Thomas, the 30ish handsome neighbour. But Thomas, himself HIV infected and tortured by the slow death of his grandmother by cancer, is just looking to stay alive. Hesitantly they come together. While AIDS itself is never mentioned, the threat and fear of the disease lurks darkly throughout the film. An intimate personal drama as well as a compelling story of hope and love amid death, horror and day-to-day ennui, *Amazing Grace* is at once moving and unsettling. (Winner of the Jerusalem Film Festival 1992)

The film will be shown April 13, 5:30 PM, at the Columbia Classic Cinema, and on April 18, 9.30PM at the Cultural Centre. Please check times and dates when booking. Make sure of your seat by booking early.

Barrie Brandon

**Don't knock
masterbation.
It's sex with someone I
love.**

Social Hygiene Centres

These are commonly called STD clinics in other countries. STD stands for sexually transmitted diseases. Also called VD (venereal diseases), after Venus the goddess of love.

I visited one of these clinics and spoke to a Mr. Chan, a Mr. Ching and a Dr Wong. It took me some time to explain that I didn't have anything wrong with me - I was just doing an article for Contacts Magazine.

I must say they could not have been more helpful, showing me around the clinic, explaining in a very simple yet clear way the work, both in terms of curing and prevention, that they are doing.

Whilst I was there I met a guy I knew - Simon, not his real name, after the initial embarrassment - both for him and me we got talking. Simon confirmed that all the staff were very helpful and treated everyone like human beings and not numbers.

Another thing I liked was the pains the staff went to explain they do not make moral judgement about people or their lifestyle.

The overall impression I came away with was anyone needing to use the services of these clinics could do so in the certain knowledge that they would get first class treatment free, in a highly - confidential environment with fully

trained staff who know and care about their job and patients. It is also worth mentioning that medications also free - and they gave me a handful; of condoms as I was leaving - just in case you do, they said!

Don't feel ashamed or embarrassed if you need to go - the friendly staff are there to help you!

Of course the message is always play well but play safe - that way you won't have to visit these clinics.

Pat on the back for the HK Government in general and these clinics in particular.

And remember there is not cure for AIDS so wear that condom if you're going to have anal or oral sex!

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AIDS COUNSELLING & HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE

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Japan to Open Borders

Recently, a Tokyo hotel cancelled a reservation by Sean Duque, a US singer in town to attend an AIDS symposium, because he has AIDS. As a result of the brouhaha over the incident, the health and welfare ministry of Japan issued a directive to hotels and inns nation-wide, strongly advising proprietors to refrain from refusing to accommodate people with HIV/AIDS. The directive warns that proprietors who fail to comply will be dealt with strictly. (In Japan, this type of directive, known as "administrative guidance" has the force of law.)

Previously, the ministry verbally notified proprietors that such discrimination is not permissible because the virus is not transmitted through casual contact. The ministry said that it was concerned about future disputes between hotel and people with AIDS, especially since the 10th annual international conference on AIDS will be held in Yokohama in August 1994. About 10,000 people are expected to participate in the conference, including several hundred with HIV/AIDS.

The publicity that the ministry has given this event indicates that the Japanese Government will not make the same mistake that was made by the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service.

**Fuji San,
Passport Magazine 11/92**

Contacts

MEN'S PERSONAL

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21 5'8" 130 lbs Chinese male. Likes karaoke, reading, riding bicycle and romance. **Box 028**

HKU-Grad bank executive 28, masculine, sociable likes films, gym, karaoke, reading seeks friends of similar type. **Box 029**

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23, Handsome male seeks non-smoking guy below 25 for friendship reply soon . Box 033

Westerner 31, wants to meet others for sport (tennis, squash), movies, theatre etc. **Box 034**

I am a design student over 21, active and creative. I like and appreciate symphony and movies. **Box 035**

Expat, bi-sexual, athletic, I'm 80 kg, seeks couple, bi-sexual, for friendship, relationship. **Box 036**

Cute, attractive Chinese guy 27 & lonely, looking for men for fun and friendship hopefully 1-2-1, letter,

phone & photo if possible, let's get together.
Box 037

Australian, 45, gentle warm sincere. Good looks masculine body. Seeks similar slim male. Age/nationality unimportant, for loving, caring monogamous. Relationship. Please be genuine photo appreciated. Prefer non smoker. **Box 038**

Little boy(over 21) , seeking 24-35 guy who likes to take care the other one. **Box 039.**

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Chinese aged 29, 5'10" 140 pounds, seeks friends or partner wanted a sincere Chinese gay aged 21-40 photo appreciated. **Box 043**

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